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General Assembly

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Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 82 to 97): *item 82* (A/61/133 and A/61/133/Add.1); *item 83* (A/61/183 and A/61/190); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/61/161); *item 86*; *item 87* (A/61/140 (Part I)); *item 88*; *item* 89; *item 90* (A/61/98, A/61/112, A/61/113, A/61/114, A/61/116, A/61/118, A/61/118/Add.1, A/61/124, A/61/127, A/61/159, A/61/159/Corr.1, A/61/164, A/61/168, A/61/169, A/61/169/Add.1, A/61/171, A/61/171/Add.1, A/61/185, A/61/261, A/61/288, A/61/293 and A/61/344–S/2006/741); *item 91* (A/61/130, A/61/130/Corr.1, A/61/137, A/61/157, A/61/163, A/61/215 and A/61/365); *item 92* (A/61/42 (Suppl. 42), A/61/180 and A/61/297); *item 93* (A/61/160 (Part II)); *item 94*; *item 95* (A/61/123); *item 96* (A/61/134 and A/61/184); and *item 97*

[Other documents: A/C.1/61/1, A/C.1/61/2 and A/C.1/61/INF/1]

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Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4
	Hearing of petitioners (A/C.4/61/4/Add.4, A/C.4/61/4/Add.5, A/C.4/61/4/Add.6, A/C.4/61/4/Add.8, A/C.4/61/4/Add.9, A/C.4/61/4/Add.10, A/C.4/61/4/Add.11, A/C.4/61/4/Add.12, A/C.4/61/4/Add.13, A/C.4/61/4/Add.14, A/C.4/61/4/Add.15, A/C.4/61/4/Add.16, A/C.4/61/4/Add.17, A/C.4/61/4/Add.18, A/C.4/61/4/Add.19, A/C.4/61/4/Add.20, A/C.4/61/4/Add.21, A/C.4/61/4/Add.22, A/C.4/61/4/Add.23, A/C.4/61/4/Add.24, A/C.4/61/4/Add.25, A/C.4/61/4/Add.26, A/C.4/61/4/Add.27, A/C.4/61/4/Add.28, A/C.4/61/4/Add.29, A/C.4/61/4/Add.30, A/C.4/61/4/Add.31, A/C.4/61/4/Add.32, A/C.4/61/4/Add.33, A/C.4/61/4/Add.34, A/C.4/61/4/Add.35 and A/C.4/61/5)	

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 1
3–6 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 1
	1. Crime prevention and criminal justice (A/61/96, A/61/135, A/61/178, A/61/179, A/61/284, A/C.3/61/L.2 and A/C.3/61/L.3)	[98]
	2. International drug control (A/61/208-S/2006/598 and A/61/221)	[99]
	Continuation and conclusion of general discussion	

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3
	Informal briefings on:	
	1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (by Mr. Mark Gilpin, Secretary of the Committee on Contributions)	
	2. Procurement (by Mr. Warren Sach, Controller of the United Nations, and Mr. Jayantilal Karia, Director, Accounts Division, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts)	

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Human resources management	

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

Informal consultations

The Permanent Mission of Angola will hold informal consultations (closed) for members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission *today*, 5 October 2006, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Thursday, 5 October 2006

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, under agenda item 108 (d) (convened by the delegation of the Russian Federation)

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on international cooperation against the drug problem, under agenda item 98 (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting *Conference Room C*

Informal meeting on the draft resolution on information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms, under agenda item 90 (z) (First Committee) (organized by the delegation of Argentina)

2.45–3.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Conference on Disarmament, under agenda item 92 (c) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Slovakia)

3.45–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Other meetings

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Thursday, 5 October 2006

Friends of the International Criminal Court: Meeting with the President of the Court (for the African Group)

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Latin American and Caribbean Group (briefing on the "Global Study on Violence against Children", by the Independent Expert on Violence against Children)

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Latin American and Caribbean Group

3.30–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

2006 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

9 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

2–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on commodities)

10–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the international financial system)

11 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (briefing on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction)

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the International Year of Natural Fibres)

3–4 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on trade)

4–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal exchange of views with the delegations of the Group of Easterm European States to the First Committee (organized by the United States Mission)

1.15–2 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Eastern European Group (at the ambassadorial level) (briefing by the Independent Expert on Violence against Children)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Non-Aligned Movement (on First Committee matters): Working Group on Disarmament (informal consultations)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Other activities

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Introduction of two reports of the Secretary-General entitled "The New Partnership for Africa's Development: fourth consolidated report on progress in implementation and international support" (A/61/212) and "Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa" (A/61/213); and launching of the report entitled "The contribution of the private sector to the implementation of NEPAD" (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Ejeviome Otobo, Policy Analysis Unit, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 962-5006); or Ms. Rekia Soumana, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-9247; e-mail soumana@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Thursday, 5 October 2006

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

The open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will continue until *tomorrow*, 6 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6, and on Monday, 9 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Main Committees

Second Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Vivian Pliner, Acting Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Side event

A presentation to the Second Committee on the findings of the ad hoc expert group meeting on "Strengthening the business sector and entrepreneurship in developing countries: The potential of diasporas" will be held on Friday, 6 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The event, organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be presided over by H.E. Mrs. Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), Chairperson of the Second Committee, and moderated by Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Keynote address

A keynote address on the theme "Globalization and interdependence: The Future of globalization: Growing complexities and challenges and search for solutions" will be delivered by Dr. Kenneth Rogoff, Thomas D. Cabot Professor of Public Policy and Professor of Economics, Harvard University, Cambridge, on Monday, 9 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2.

The event, organized by the Office of Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be presided over by H.E. Mrs. Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), Chairperson of the Second Committee. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations are kindly requested to consult the draft programme of work of the Third Committee (A/C.3/61/L.1) prior to contacting the Secretariat with their request for inscription on the list (contact: Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Participants

Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

There will be an informal briefing on human resources management, by Ms. Jan Beagle, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management, on Friday, 6 October 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3.

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Monday, 9 October 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3.

The programme of work for the sixty-first session, as well as other relevant information relating to the organization of work and the status of documentation, is available on the Web site of the Fifth Committee and is regularly updated (<www.un.org/ga/61/fifth>).

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Fifth Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Fifth Committee (Ms. Catherina David-Dakay (tel. 1 (212) 963-9223; fax 1 (212) 963-0360)).

Delegations are further reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted to Mr. Movses Abelian, Secretary of the Fifth Committee (room S-2633-A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

Sixth Committee

The Sixth Committee will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, 10 October 2006, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The provisional programme of work for the sixty-first session, as well as other relevant information relating to the organization of work and the status of documentation, is available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee and is regularly updated (<www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/61/sixth61.htm>).

The hard copy of the report of the International Law Commission has been issued (A/61/10). Its electronic version is also available in all official languages at <http://untreaty.un.org/ilc/reports/2006/2006report.htm>.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marissa Amores (tel. 1(212) 963-5332; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)).

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities

Drafting Committee

The Drafting Committee of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities will hold an informal meeting (closed) on Friday, 6 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

Second session

The second session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will take place from Monday, 30 October, to Friday, 3 November 2006, in Conference Room XX, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Delegations are kindly requested to submit the names of observers to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; e-mail ffdoffice@un.org). For further information, please contact Mr. Masa Ohyama, Financing for Development Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-4695; e-mail ohyama@un.org).

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on international cooperation against the drug problem, under agenda item 98 (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Friday, 6 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on improving coordination of efforts against slavery and trafficking in persons, under agenda item 98 (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Monday, 9 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 11 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on transparency in armaments, under agenda item 90 (aa) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

Monday, 9 October 2006, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, under agenda item 90 (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Canada)

Monday, 9 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity, under agenda item 98 (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Monday, 9 October 2006, from 3.30 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Wednesday, 11 October 2006, from 3.30 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects", under agenda item 90 (y) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of South Africa, in collaboration with the delegations of Colombia and Japan)

Tuesday, 10 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapon and on Their Destruction, under agenda item 90 (p) (First Committee) (convined by the delegation of Poland)

Tuesday, 10 October 2006, from 2 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal meeting on the draft resolution on conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus, under agenda item 90 (s) (First Committee) (convined by the delegations of France and Germany)

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Informal exchanges of views (closed) with the delegations of the regional groups to the First Committee (organized by the United States Mission)

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States
Friday, 6 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 8; and

Group of Western European and Other States
Monday, 9 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 6 October 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal briefing for members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on "Safety and security issues related to peacekeeping operations, including an update on the implementation of Joint Operations Centres and Joint Mission Analysis Centres" (organized by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Safety and Security)

Friday, 6 October 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber

[For further information, please contact Ms. Jolanda Profos, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (tel. 1 (917) 367-3689; e-mail profos@un.org).]

Informal briefing on the evaluation of UNDP support to conflict-affected countries, followed by a brief informal presentation on the assessment of UNIDO-UNDP partnership agreement (organized by the United Nations Development Programme)

Monday, 9 October 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[Interested delegations are invited to attend.]

Friends of the International Criminal Court

Friends of the International Criminal Court
Tuesday, 10 October 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Briefing by the Chief Prosecutor of the Court
Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in the Penthouse of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library.

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

Tuesday, 10 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Asian Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Other forthcoming activities

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Panel discussion on "The role of interreligious dialogue in conflict resolution" (organized by the United States Mission)

Friday, 6 October 2006, from 1.30 to 3 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Panel discussion on "Global Study on Violence against Children – How to ensure its effective follow-up and implementation of recommendations" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Slovenia)

Monday, 9 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Panel discussion on "The role of specific sectors in addressing, preventing and eliminating violence against women", to mark the presentation of the Secretary-General's in-depth study on violence against women to the General Assembly (organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Monday, 9 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in *Conference Room 1*.

[All are invited to attend.]

Seminar on "Verifying the comprehensive nuclear test ban: Ten years of development" (sponsored by the Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC) and facilitated by the Department for Disarmament Affairs)

Monday, 9 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, contact Ms. Jane Awford, VERTIC (tel. 011-44-207-065-0880).]

Update on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction — Planned commitments and joint resourcing (organized by the Permanent Missions of Ecuador and Switzerland and the ISDR secretariat)

Tuesday, 10 October 2006, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Elina Palm, ISDR New York Liaison Officer (e-mail palm@un.org).]

Tenth Rafael M. Salas Memorial Lecture on "The greatest challenge in the twenty-first century: Gender equality in development" (organized by the United Nations Population Fund)

Wednesday, 11 October 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend.]

Panel discussion on "Institutional challenges to the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development" (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Ejeviome Otobo, Policy Analysis Unit, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 962-5006); or Ms. Rekia Soumana, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-9247; e-mail soumana@un.org).]

Dialogue on "Towards implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (co-sponsored by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

Monday, 16 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please consult the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii>.]

Announcements

Secretary-General's Lecture Series

The next lecture in the Secretary-General's Lecture Series will be held on Wednesday, 11 October 2006, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsjöld Library Auditorium. Mr. Stephen Schlesinger, Director of the World Policy Institute at the New School University, will speak on the topic "Act of creation: The founding of the United Nations". The Secretary-General hosts this lecture series on topics at the forefront of the humanities and natural sciences, as part of a continuing effort to create a strengthened framework for dialogue and mutual understanding within the United Nations community. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Strategic Planning Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary-General (tel. 1 (917) 367-3556).

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 4 October 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press

officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations a verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts he interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, when possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

UNITAR Fellowship Programme at Columbia University Law School and UNITAR Visitors Programme New York University School of Law, for diplomats accredited to the United Nations

The deadline for registration is Monday, 23 October 2006. For further information, p contact the UNITAR office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196; e-m goldschmidt@un.org; or info@unitarny.org).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 4 October 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

First Committee

4th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items. Statements were made by the representatives o Kazakhstan, Cuba, Egypt, Belarus, Viet Nam, the Republic of Korea, Tunisia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Singapore, Qatar, the Dominican Republic, Sou Africa, Turkey, Algeria and Japan.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

4th meeting

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of work.

Agenda items 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39

The Committee continued its general debate with a statement by the representative of Spain.

Implementation of the declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [39]

Question of Gibraltar

With the Committee's consent and in accordance with established practice, The Honourable Peter Caruana, Chief Minister of Gibraltar, made a statement.

Hearing of petitioners

Question of Gibraltar

On the basis of a decision taken at the 2nd meeting, the Committee heard a statement by Mr. J.J. Bossano, Leader of the Opposition (A/C.4/61/2).

Question of Guam

On the basis of a decision taken at the 2nd meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mr. Julian Aguon, Chamorro Nation (A/C.4/61/3); Ms. Kerri Ann Naputi Borja, on behalf of Mrs. Hope A. Cristobal, Organization of People for Indigenous Rights (A/C.4/61/3/Add.1); Ms. Victoria-Lola M. Leon Guerrero, Guahan Indigenous Collective (A/C.4/61/3/Add.2); Ms. Sabina Flores Perez, International Peoples Coalition Against Military Pollution (A/C.4/61/3/Add.3); Ms. Tiffany Rose Naputi Lascado, National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (A/C.4/61/3/Add.4); and Ms. Fanai Castro, Chamoru Cultural Development and Research Institute (A/C.4/61/3/Add.5).

Question of Western Sahara

On the basis of a decision taken at the 2nd meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mr. Charles Wilson, U.S.-Western Sahara Foundation (A/C.4/61/4); Mr. Aymeric Chauprade (A/C.4/61/4/Add.7); Ms. Nancy Huff, Teach the Children International (A/C.4/61/4/Add.1); and Mr. Erik Hagen, Norwegian Support Committee for Western Sahara (A/C.4/61/4/Add.3).

Organization of work

Following a proposal by the Chairman, the Committee decided to extend the deadline for submission of draft proposals on Western Sahara (item 39) for an additional 24 hours.

Second Committee

6th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Jamaica, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Kenya, El Salvador, Mongolia, Lesotho (on behalf of the South African Development Community), Uruguay, Fiji, Burkina Faso, Myanmar, Botswana, Nepal, Maldives, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Lebanon and the Congo.

A statement was also made by the representative of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

The Committee thus concluded its general debate.

Third Committee

5th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice

International drug control

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items and heard an introductory statement by the Chief of the Terrorism Prevention Branch, on behalf of the Executi Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Vienna.

The Chief of the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the United Nations Office on Drug and Crime responded to questions and comments made by the representatives of the Sudan, Finland, Mexico, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Côte d'Ivoire, Chile, Cuba, In Benin, Turkey, Austria and Saudi Arabia.

The Committee began its general discussion of the items and heard statements by th representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the associated countries), Zambia (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Belarus (on behalf of the Commonwealth of Independent States), Egypt, the United States, Pakistan, the Sudan, Bangladesh and Colombia.

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

296th meeting

The Chairman made a statement on a number of activities, which had taken place since previous meeting of the Committee.

Developments in the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

Report by the Chairman on the United Nations International Conference of Civil Soci in Support of the Palestinian People, 7 and 8 September 2006, United Nations Office Geneva

The Chairman made a statement.

Consideration of the draft report of the Committee to the General Assembly (A/AC.183/2006/CRP.2)

The Rapporteur of the Committee introduced the draft report.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee adopted its annual report to the General Assembly.

Other matters

The Chairman made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Regulation No. 48. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to the installation of lighting and light-signalling devices. 1 January 1982

Notification of disagreement under article 12 (2) of the Agreement: Bosnia and Herzegovina (29 September 2006)[1]

Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of such Inspections. Vienna, 13 November 1997

Proposal of amendments by the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Agreement: (3 October 2006)[1]

Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery. Geneva, 7 September 1956

Accession: Rwanda (4 October 2006)[1]

Convention relating to the status of Stateless Persons. New York, 28 September 1954

Accession: Rwanda (4 October 2006)[1]

Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. New York, 30 August 1961

Accession: Rwanda (4 October 2006)[1]

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Rwanda (4 October 2006)[1]

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Accession: Rwanda (4 October 2006)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Ratification: Rwanda (4 October 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Treaty event

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network
Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for As and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transpo and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 200 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian t are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon a feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on beha a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Creden alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement co notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to th Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New Yor (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for th month of *October 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Gambia
H.E. Mr. Crispin Grey-Johnson

Asian States:
Japan
H.E. Mr. Kenzo Oshima

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Miloš Prica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Diego Cordovez

Western European and other States:
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 4 October 2006.

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A/60/PV.96	Meeting held on 21 July 2006, 3 p.m. [F]
A/60/PV.97	Meeting held on 29 August 2006, 3 p.m. [F]

General Assembly	**Documents**
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A/61/182	Item 113 of the provisional agenda — Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors — Concise summary of principal findings and conclusions contained in the reports prepared by the Board of Auditors for the General Assembly at its sixty-first session — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/214	Item 113 of the provisional agenda — Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors — First report on the implementation

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A/61/314	Item 67 (a) of the provisional agenda — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations — International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/350	Item 115 — Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors for the period ended 31 December 2005 — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/61/364	Item 27 — Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development — Letter dated 20 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/382	Items 42 and 113 — Report of the Economic and Social Council — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — Letter dated 21 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/466–S/2006/766	Item 90 — General and complete disarmament — Letter dated 21 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/477	Item 109 — Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations — Letter dated 28 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/481–S/2006/782	Item 13 — The situation in the Middle East — Identical letters dated 29 September 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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S/2006/552	Letter dated 20 July 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
A/61/466–S/2006/766	Letter dated 21 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Documents

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Pre-session working group
Thirty-seventh session

CEDAW/C/MDV/Q/3 List of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of the combined second and third periodic reports — Maldives [A C E F R S]

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